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Federal Opportunities

Carol M. White Physical Education Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS)* announces funds to initiate, expand, or improve physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in one or more grades from K-12 in order to help students make progress toward meeting state standards for physical education. Eligible applicants include local educational agencies, and community- and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 22, 2004. Approximately \$69.587 million is available to fund 230 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$500,000. For further information, contact Ann Weinheimer or Pat Rattler at (202) 260-5939, Ann.Weinheimer@ed.gov, or Pat.Rattler@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-2284.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

DC School Choice Incentive Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)* announces funds to establish a scholarship program to provide low-income parents residing in DC with expanded options for the education of their children. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, a consortium of nonprofit organizations, or an educational entity of DC. The deadline for applications is March 5, 2004. Approximately \$12.6 million is available to fund 1-2 awards, ranging from \$5-\$12.6 million. For further information contact Iris Lane at 202 260-1999, or iris.lane@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-2286.txt>. This grant

is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)* announces funds to support partnerships to enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and to prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school. Eligible applicants include partnerships consisting of one or more of the following: institutions of higher education, public or private entities, public agencies, state education agencies, local educational agencies, and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 16, 2004. Approximately \$14.8 million is available to fund 5-15 awards, ranging from \$1-\$1.5 million. For further information, contact Rosemary Fennell at (202) 260-0792 or ecceprofdev@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-2520.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Grants to Support Education Research. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Institute of Education Sciences (IES)* announces 3 competitions for grants to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of education from early childhood education through postsecondary study. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, public and private agencies, colleges and universities. The deadline for applications is May 13, 2004. Approximately 29 awards, ranging

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from \$500,000-\$2 million, are available. For further information, contact Jon Oberg at jon.oberg@ed.gov, Michael Wiatrowski at michael.wiatrowski@ed.gov, David Sweet at david.sweet@ed.gov, or Alex Sedlacek at alex.sedlacek@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-2127.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

National Professional Development Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to provide for professional development activities that will improve classroom instruction for limited English proficient (LEP) children and assist educational personnel working with such children to meet high professional standards, including standards for certification and licensure as teachers who work in language instruction education programs or serve LEP children. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education in consortia with state educational agencies and local educational agencies. The deadline for applications is March 5, 2004. Approximately \$3.1 million is available to fund 25 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$150,000. For further information, contact Samuel Lopez at (202) 401-1427 or Samuel.Lopez@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-2285.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

AMENDMENT - FY2004 Latino Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services. *The Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (OLA)* has amended its Latino Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services Request for Applications (RFA). For a copy of the specific changes, contact Deidre M. Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766; or go to: http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml.

FY2004 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program. *The DC State Education Office (SEO)* is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to design a program that provides teachers with skills needed to improve the quality of instruction in mathematics and science. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher

education that are certified by the US Department of Education and have their main campus located in DC. The deadline for applications is March 19, 2004, at 5pm. A total of \$325,000 is available for multiple grants. A Pre-Application Conference will be held February 24, 2004, 10am-noon, at The Office on Aging, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 940 North, Washington, DC 20001. For further information, including RFA pick-up location and times, contact Deidre M. Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766; or go to: http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

DC Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), FY 2004 Ryan White Title II Grant, February 9, 2004, at 5pm.

The Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (OLA), FY2004 Latino Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services, February 20, 2004, at 5pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, March 26, June 25, September 24, and December 30, 2004.

Foundation Opportunities

Arts, Education, and Literacy. *Barnes & Noble* considers requests for local support from organizations in the communities it serves. Its giving focus is on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations serving the community where its stores are located. There are no deadlines for applications. Proposals should be submitted to the community relations manager or store manager at the local store. A plan for promoting the program with Barnes & Noble should be included in the proposal, and the organization must be willing to work with the local store(s) on in-store programming. For further information, go to: http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/company/codonation/co_donation.html.

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Cancer. *The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)* supports organizations that work to improve the quality of life today for those living with, through and beyond cancer. LAF seeks to fund innovative projects that promote the optimal physical, psychological, and social recovery and care of cancer survivors and their loved ones. Through its Community Program, LAF provides grants in the areas of Adolescent/Young Adult Issues, Palliative and End-of-Life Care, Physical Activity, and Survivorship Education or Support. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent, accepted through an online application process only, is February 13, 2004. Grants of up to \$20,000 per year for up to two years are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.laf.org/programs/community.html>.

Equipment, Facilities, and Educational Materials. *The Ludwick Family Foundation* supports groups working to make a positive difference in the world. The Foundation provides support in the form of tangible items such as new vehicles or equipment, equipment replacement and modernization, improvements to facilities, and educational materials. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for online Letters of Inquiry is March 31, 2004. Grants range from \$5,000-\$50,000. For further information or to apply online, go to: <http://www.ludwick.org/index.html>.

Healthcare. *The Quality Health Foundation (QHF)* is the mission arm of Delmarva Foundation, a not-for-profit quality improvement. QHF will award grants to organizations that work to improve healthcare for individuals and communities. Priority areas include improved access to health care services, improved treatment through the use of best practices, and improved communication of health knowledge. Eligible applicants include all organizations committed to improving the health of individuals at the community level such as nonprofit and faith-based organizations, hospitals, and government entities. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2004. One-year grants of up to \$50,000 are available. For further information, contact Mariana Leshner, QHF, 9240 Centreville Road, Easton, MD 21601, (410) 763-6227, or lesherm@dfmc.org; or go to: <http://www.qualityhealthfoundation.org>.

Homophobia in Sport Project. *The Women's Sports Foundation* provides funding to community outreach and educational programs addressing the issue of homophobia and other barriers to women's participation in sports because homophobia affects all women regardless of their sexual preference. Eligible organizations include local, regional or direct action outreach organizations committed to providing opportunities to girls and women in sports and fitness. There is no deadline for applications. Applicants receive a response within 14 days after receipt of submission. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available. For further information, contact the Foundation's Senior Program Manager at (800) 227-3988 or wosportag@aol.com; or go to: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=19>.

Reentry Programs. *The Open Society Institute's Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI)* seeks to build a more open society by helping to break the cycle of imprisonment and improve the administration of justice in the U.S. The After Prison Initiative is one of several programs of the CJI. It supports the successful reentry of prisoners to their communities by promoting leadership among prisoners and former prisoners in progressive reform efforts; systemic reform of corrections' policies (especially parole and probation) and of inappropriate civil barriers to reentry; and the redirection of criminal justice resources to enhance community control of, and responsibility for, public safety and justice. Eligible applicants include advocacy groups, community groups, scholarly or research institutions, government agencies, associations of elected officials, and nonprofit business associations or initiatives. Priority will be given to applications in all program areas from organizations in which people with criminal convictions have a leadership role and/or meaningful participation, and that incorporate the goal of justice reinvestment. Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are currently being accepted. For further information, go to: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas.

Social Change. *The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute* funds projects that promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change. Projects must be concerned with one or more of the issues to which A.J. Muste dedicated his life: peace and disarmament; social and economic justice; racial and

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sexual equality; and the labor movement. Priority is given to those organizations with small budgets and little chance of funding from more traditional sources. The Institute does not generally accept proposals from organizations with annual budgets over \$500,000 or for projects with budgets over \$50,000. Eligible applicants include organizations working in nonviolent social change; nonprofit status and incorporation are not required. The deadlines for applications are February 27 and April 30, 2004. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000. For further information, contact the Institute at info@ajmuste.org; or go to: www.ajmuste.org.

Visual Arts. *Altria Group, Inc.* announces its 2004 Visual Arts Request For Proposal. The goal of this grantmaking initiative is to support the organization of a range of visual arts exhibitions that demonstrate some of the most significant, challenging, and innovative work that is being created in the field today. Grants will: foster artistic development; promote innovation and diversity; challenge the art form; present a bold examination of aesthetic, cultural or societal issue; and/or investigate the use of new materials and concepts. Eligible applicants include U.S. nonprofit organizations that are the organizing institution of the exhibition and not a tour site. Grant awards will range from \$10,000-\$100,000. For further information, go to: http://www.altria.com/responsibility/04_05_02_05_00_VisArts_Main.asp#programgoal.

Resources & Announcements

Apply Online for Freddie Mac Foundation

Grants. *The Freddie Mac Foundation* announces that grant seekers are now able to apply online for its grants and contributions. The Foundation encourages you to take advantage of this new service for its upcoming grant deadline on March 1, 2004. The online application is convenient, easy to use, and will allow the Foundation to respond more efficiently to requests. For further information, go to: www.freddiemacfoundation.org/onlineapp/.

Department of Education Grant Information. *The U.S. Department of Education (DOED)/Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI)* offers technical assistance on a variety of DOED grant programs. By reviewing technical assistance tools and last year's grant materials provided on the FBCI

website, organizations can get a running start on upcoming competitions. In addition, FBCI advises that applicants understand the *No Child Left Behind* principles, the particular requirements and priorities in the application package, and craft proposals to faithfully implement these priorities. For further information, call (202) 219-1741; or go to: www.ed.gov/faithandcommunity.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

Grant Writing Training. *The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* is offering a grant writing training session. Topics will cover how to become more competitive for federal grant funds, securing a 501(c)(3), and the organizational structure necessary to secure government funds. Participants will be able to review a successful HUD grant application. The session will take place March 3-4, 2004, 9:00am-4:30pm, New Chapel Baptist Church/Kairos Development Corporation Inc., 5601 Old Brach Avenue, Camp Springs, MD 20735. This training is free, but space is limited. Register by calling Mozelle Clemons at (202) 275-9200 x 3015 or William Hackney at x 3014. Please note that transportation will be provided from the Branch Avenue Metro Station to New Chapel Baptist Church.

Neighborhood Citizen Summits. *Mayor Anthony A. Williams* invites residents to a series of neighborhood-based sessions as a follow up to

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Citizens Summit III. The following sessions in each ward of the city will allow for more intimacy and Q&A with the Mayor. The purpose will be to address issues such as the following: What did we learn from Citizen Summit III? How are we updating the long-range vision for the District? What are our priorities and initiatives for the 2005 budget? Join the Mayor and make your voice heard. All events begin at 7:00pm (doors will open at 6:00pm):

Tuesday, February 10 – ward 5

Trinity College, 125 Michigan Avenue, NE

Wednesday, February 11 – ward 3

Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW

Tuesday, February 17 – ward 8

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, 2498 Alabama Avenue, SE

Wednesday, February 18 – ward 4

Nativity School, 6008 Georgia Avenue, NW

Thursday, February 19 – ward 2

Kennedy Recreation Center – 7th & P Streets, NW

Monday, February 23 – ward 1

All Souls Church, 16th & Harvard Streets, NW

Tuesday, February 24 – ward 7

Boys & Girls Club, 4103 Benning Road, NE

Thursday, February 26 – ward 6

Sherwood Recreation Center, 1000 G St, NE

For more information, call the Office of Neighborhood Action at (202) 727-2822 or visit www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov.

Successful Proposal Examples. *The Foundation Center's Guide to Winning Proposals* features 20 real world grant proposals funded by some of today's most influential grantmakers who selected them for inclusion in the *Guide*. Each proposal is reprinted in its entirety and includes commentary by the grants decision-maker, pointing to both its strengths and weaknesses. The book also includes letters of inquiry, budgets, cover letters, and vital supplementary documents, all of which are key components of the full proposal package. Proposals are included from both small and large nonprofits seeking funding for special projects (single year or multi-year), general

operating support, endowment, building/renovation, seed money, and more. The book is accessible at the Foundation Center Library, 1627 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 331-1400.

Volunteers. *The Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)* has initiated a volunteer recruitment project. This purpose is to assist local API community organizations in recruiting more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or if you are an API organization in need of volunteers, contact Dory Peters at (202) 727-3120, (202) 727-9655-fax, or dory.peters@dc.gov.

Your Board and Fundraising. *The Foundation Center* will present an introductory class for small nonprofits on Your Board and Fundraising. The purpose of the class is to systematically think through the process of getting your board involved with fundraising. This process involves some key elements: the role of your board; how to address board members' concerns about fundraising; ways the board can participate in the fundraising process; and tips for strengthening your fundraising board. The class will take place on March 4, 2004, 9:00am-10:30am, at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20006. This program is offered free of charge. Space is limited. For further information and to register, call (202) 331-1400; or go to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/ybfdc.html>.

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